

Ordinance No. 858

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 24-2, 24-3, 24-5, 24-6, 24-7, 24-8, and 24-9 of Article I, Chapter 24 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, which Section 24-2 relates to INSTALLATION BY CONTRACT WITH COUNCIL, which Section 24-3 relates to CONSTRUCTION SO AS TO REQUIRE SEPARATE AND DIRECT SERVICE FOR EACH HOUSE, BUILDING, OR PARCEL OF PROPERTY, which Section 24-5 relates to SEWER CONNECTION PERMITS AND SERVICE FEES, CONSTRUCTION COSTS; ADDITIONAL CONNECTIONS, which Section 24-6 relates to DUTY OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO COMPUTE AMOUNTS DUE CITY, which Section 24-7 relates to FORMER PRIVATE SEWERS BECOMING DAMAGED, INADEQUATE OR NUISANCES, which Section 24-8 relates to NECESSITY OF PERMIT AND PAYMENT CHARGE BEFORE CONNECTION, which Section 24-9 relates to CONNECTION LINES RUNNING FROM CITY SEWER MAIN TO PREMISES, which Article I relates to Sewage Disposal and Drains in General, and which Chapter 24 relates to SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND DRAINS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Sec. 24-2, Article I, Chapter 24 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 24-2 INSTALLED BY CONTRACT WITH COUNCIL

All sewers that may be constructed by any person in any street, road, alley or park space now open to public use, any street, road, alley or park space duly dedicated for public use in any city easement or grant, or in any area under the city option or agreement, in the city shall be installed by or under contract with the Council and shall be of such size and established at such grades and constructed according to such other specifications as may be prescribed by the Director of Public Works, except that service connections running from a city sewer main, trunk or lateral to any premises shall be installed by the owner as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. That Sec. 24-3, Article I, Chapter 24 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 24-3 CONSTRUCTED SO AS TO REQUIRE SEPARATE AND DIRECT SERVICE FOR EACH HOUSE, BUILDING OR PARCEL OF PROPERTY

Any extension of the sewer system from sewers now built or hereafter built shall be constructed so that each house, building or separate parcel of property that connects with or is served by or through any part of the city sewer system shall be connected separately and directly with the city system when and after the full amount required by Sec. 24-5 of this chapter has been paid into the City Treasury.

Section 3. That Sec. 24-5, Article I, Chapter 24 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

**Sec. 24-5 SEWER CONNECTION PERMITS AND SERVICE FEES;
CONSTRUCTION COSTS; ADDITIONAL CONNECTIONS**

Any person desiring to connect for sewer service from his premises, through any sewer constructed by or belonging to the city or any sewer serving the area annexed to the city in 1952 but belonging to a county, by direct connection at a city sewer main, trunk or lateral, shall, before starting to make such connection apply to the Director of Public Works for a permit to make the connection and the Director of Public Works shall issue a permit for such sewer connection when and after such person shall have paid into the City Treasury the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) for each linear front foot of ground enclosed, pertaining to, or embraced by the house or building, yard and side entrance, if any, to be calculated on the shorter frontage, when the property has more than one frontage line; provided however that the amount to be paid for service shall in no case be less than the minimum amounts shown below:

Minimum Fee

Single family dwelling	\$150.00	
Two family dwelling	200.00	
Row family dwelling	75.00	
Apartment building	60.00	per dwelling unit
Motel or motor court	30.00	per dwelling unit
Trailer camp	60.00	per dwelling unit
Hotel	20.00	per guest room
Office building	1.00	per front foot per floor
Other commercial use	100.00	
Industrial building	.03½	per sq. ft. of land occupied by buildings and parking areas but in no case less than \$350.00

In case the house or building is located on acreage and not subdivided into lots and there is no enclosure separating the house or building from the remaining acreage, the City Manager shall have authority to determine from the facts whether or not any part thereof less than the whole pertains to or is embraced by the house or building, yard and side entrance, if any, within the the meaning of this section.

The City Manager may, when in his opinion the interests of the city will be best served, require the owner or developer rather than the city to construct or have constructed a sanitary sewer extension. Where such action is taken, said owner or developer shall execute a satisfactory agreement with the city, as prescribed by the City Manager, agreeing to construct such sewer or sewers in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Director of Public Works and said owner or developer shall in addition furnish such guarantee of performance and maintenance to the city as the City Manager may require. Such sewers shall become the property of the city upon completion and acceptance of the work. In such cases, where the owner or developer constructs a sewer at his own expense, the City Manager is authorized to refund to the owner, from the fees paid into the City Treasury as hereinbefore specified, the cost of such construction (not including

house connections), but in no event to exceed the amount of such fees paid in, less ten dollars (\$10.00) per lot, building site, or unit as set forth in the schedule of minimum fees above. Such reimbursement shall be based upon certified bills submitted by the owner or developer and approved by the certified Director of Public Works.

The total sum to be paid into the City Treasury for sewer service at the city sewer main, trunk or lateral for any house building or lot in the city, the sewage of which will be transported from a house, building or lot thru sewers heretofore constructed by private parties into sewers constructed or belonging to the city, except for such sewers as may have been constructed by private parties under the control or supervision of the city or other public authority, shall be the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each separate house, dwelling or other building so connected.

Any person desiring additional sewer service connection to any one separate piece of property, shall make application to the Director of Public Works for permission to construct such connection and shall pay into the City Treasury the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each additional connection prior to the issuance of the connection permit.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the City of Alexandria, Virginia Sanitation Authority from making a service charge for collecting and treating sewage.

Section 4, That Sec. 24-6, Article I, Chapter 24 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 24-6 DUTY OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO COMPUTE AMOUNTS DUE CITY

In the event that any person affected by any of the provisions of this article should fail, after ten days' notice in writing from the City Manager, to do that which may be required under the provisions of this article, it shall be the duty of the Director of Public Works to compute the sewer service fee due to the Council that may be applicable in each instance under the provisions of this article and certify same to the Collector of Taxes and the amount so certified shall be a lien against the real estate as a part of, and the same as, taxes duly assessed against the real estate by the city.

Section 5. That Sec. 24-7, Article I, Chapter 24 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 24-7 FORMER PRIVATE SEWERS BECOMING DAMAGED, INADEQUATE OR NUISANCES

Whenever, in the opinion of the Director of Public Works, any sewer or sewer system heretofore constructed by any private person and which is now or may hereafter be connected with any sewer constructed by or belonging to the city, shall become inadequate

or damaged so that such sewer fails to render reasonably satisfactory service, becomes a nuisance or endangers the public health, the Director of Public Works shall so notify the City Council. The City Council shall hold a public hearing with respect to such sewer, after giving reasonable notice to the owners connected to such sewer, and, if in the opinion of City Council, such sewer is inadequate or damaged so that it does not render reasonably satisfactory service or is a nuisance or endangers public health, the Council shall order such sewer to be replaced or reconstructed, and the persons connected with such replaced or reconstructed sewers shall make their connections in the manner required under the provisions of this chapter after payment of the fee required by this chapter, less, however, such amount as may previously have been paid for the former connection.

Section 6. That Sec. 24-8, Article I, Chapter 24 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Section 24-8 UNLAWFUL TO CONNECT WITHOUT PERMIT AND PAYMENT

It shall be unlawful for any person to make any sewer service connection from any property which abuts a public sewer to the public sewer system, either directly, or indirectly, through any other sewer, without first having obtained a permit from the Director of Public Works, and paid into the City Treasury the amount required by Section 24-5 of this chapter for public sewer service.

Section 7. That Sec. 24-9, Article I, Chapter 24 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 24-9 CONNECTION LINES RUNNING FROM CITY SEWER MAIN TO THE PREMISES

The owner of any property desiring sewer service shall be responsible for the construction and maintenance of connection lines running from the city sewer main, trunk or lateral to the premises. Such connections shall be installed by a duly authorized and licensed master plumber and all work shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 22 of The City Code.

All pipe used for such connections shall be cast iron pipe conforming to the A.S.T.M. Standard Specification for cast iron soil pipe and fittings (A.S.T.M. No. A-74-18). Connection lines shall be connected to the sewer main, trunk or lateral by means of cast iron saddle approved by the Director of Public Works. No connection shall be less than four (4) inches inside diameter. Bedding for connections within a street, alley or other right of way shall conform to standards of the Public Works Department. It shall be unlawful for any person to make any connection with any public or city sewer main, trunk or lateral without first comply-

ing with Sec. 28-8 of The City Code and notifying the City Plumbing Inspector.

The owner of any property furnished sewer service shall be responsible for keeping the sewer lines between the premises and the city sewer main, trunk or lateral free and clean and in good repair, but it shall be unlawful for any person to break, dig up or disturb any portion of any sidewalk, street, alley or right of way for sewer maintenance or repair without first complying with Sec. 28-8 of The City Code and notifying the City Plumbing Inspector.

It shall also be the duty of any person disturbing, breaking or digging up any portion of any sidewalk, street, alley or right of way for sewer maintenance to furnish and maintain proper warnings and barricades.

Notwithstanding the above provisions of this section, the city will continue to service and maintain those connection lines, running between the city sewer mains, trunks, and laterals and the curb line that were installed prior to July 1, 1955.

Section 8. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city not later than five days following its introduction together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The Clerk of the Council shall note the date of introduction, and first reading, the date of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective July 1, 1955.

Marshall J. Beverley
Mayor

Final Passage: June 28, 1955